

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (original) The automated checkout device of Claim 5, wherein the second surface supports a container for receiving the items.

Claim 7 (currently amended) ~~The automated checkout device of Claim 6, A self-scanning checkout providing point of purchase products comprising:~~

~~a scanner to scan items selected by a consumer;~~

~~a video monitor to display the cost of items scanned by the consumer;~~

~~a packaging area for placing items scanned by the consumer into wherein the container is a bag; and~~

~~a dispenser for storing and dispensing a point of purchase product, the dispenser located at least in juxtaposition to the scanner and thereby storing point of purchase product in juxtaposition to the scanner, and wherein the video monitor displays the cost of the product dispensed by the dispenser.~~

Claim 8 (original) The automated checkout device of Claim 7, wherein the point of purchase product is dispensed into the bag.

Claims 9-33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (previously presented) A point of purchase device that operates with a credit/debit card verification device that authorizes a cost for items purchased by a consumer, the point of purchase device comprising:

a controller that communicates with the credit/debit card verification device; and

the controller is coupled to a dispenser that stores and dispenses a product upon a signal to the controller, the dispenser positioned at least adjacent to the credit/debit card verification device so that product is stored proximate the credit/debit card verification, the signal initiated by the consumer through the credit/debit card verification device, wherein a cost for the product is added to the cost for the items purchased by the consumer.

Claim 35 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the credit/debit card verification device is located at a retail checkout line.

Claim 36 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the stock includes a plurality of different products and the controller communicates a selected product to the dispenser.

Claim 37 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the controller is electrically coupled to the dispenser.

Claim 38 (previously presented) A point of purchase device comprising:

a body housing a stock of product that is physically coupled to a discrete automated purchasing device that allows consumers to automatically purchase items that are physically brought to the automated purchasing device as well as purchase items that are stored in a portion of the body that is physically coupled to the discrete automated purchasing device;

a money acceptor coupled to the body; and

a dispenser within the body that dispenses a product from the stock upon a consumer's input of a predefined amount of money into the money acceptor.

Claim 39 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 38, wherein the automated purchasing device is selected from the group consisting of: a scanner, a cash register and a self-scanning checkout.

Claim 40 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 38, wherein the automated purchasing device is located at a retail outlet selected from the group consisting of: a retail checkout, a restaurant cash register and an electronic ticketing station.

Claim 41 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 38, wherein the money acceptor is selected from the group consisting of: a cash acceptor, a coin acceptor and a credit/debit card acceptor.

Claim 42 (previously presented) A device for dispensing consumable and non-consumable products at the same location comprising:

a body;

a stock of a consumable product housed within the body;

a stock of a non-consumable products housed within the body;

a dispenser that dispenses the consumable product;

a device that totals purchase prices for consumable and non-consumable products;

a payment acceptor that allows the consumer to make a single payment for the consumable and non-consumable products; and

wherein at least one of the consumable product or nonconsumable product are stored in juxtaposition to the payment acceptor.

Claim 43 (original) The device of Claim 42, wherein the non-consumable product is selected from the group consisting of: movie tickets, plane tickets, periodicals, video tapes, compact disks, digital video disks and newspapers.

Claims 44-68 (cancelled)

Claim 69 (previously presented) A system for providing point of purchase products comprising:

a device for identifying costs of items and creating a purchase price for the items;

means for prompting a consumer to purchase a point of purchase product; and

a device for storing and dispensing the point of purchase product upon request from the consumer and for adding a cost of the point of purchase product to the purchase price, the storing and dispensing device, and thereby point of purchase product, located at least proximate to the cost identifying device.

Claim 70 (original) The system of Claim 69, wherein the means for prompting is selected from the group consisting of: an advertisement, an audio prompt, a visual prompt and a tactile prompt.

Claim 71 (original) The system of Claim 69, wherein the device for identifying is a scanner.

Claim 72 (original) The system of Claim 69, wherein the means for prompting is selected from the group consisting of: a credit/debit card device; a display device separate from the device for identifying costs and the dispensing device; and a purchasing card.

Claim 73 (original) The system of Claim 69, including a device for accepting payment for a total purchase price including the cost of the point of purchase product and the purchase price for the items.

Claim 74 (cancelled)

Claim 75 (original) The system of Claim 69, wherein the purchase price for the items is a total purchase price which occurs when the device for identifying has identified all of the items.

Claim 76 (cancelled)

Claim 77 (previously presented) A device for dispensing a retail item comprising:

a retail customer terminal sited proximate a point of purchase location, the retail customer terminal having an input device adapted to permit selection of a purchasable item and a point of purchase product;

a retail item processor in electrical communication with the retail customer terminal and adapted to process a selection of the purchasable item and the point of purchase product; and

a dispensing terminal sited proximate the point of purchase location and in electrical communication with the retail customer terminal and retail item processor, the dispensing terminal adapted to handle and dispense the point of purchase product from a storage location within the terminal to a dispensing location in response to the selection of the point of purchase product the storage location being proximate the point of purchase location.

Claim 78 (original) The device of Claim 77, wherein the dispensing terminal is further adapted to handle and dispense at least one coin as change for the retail consumer.

Claim 79 (previously presented) A retail item dispensing device comprising:

a receptacle that houses and ejects a point of purchase product stored therein, the receptacle, and thereby point of purchase product, located at a point of purchase location with a customer selection input device;

a dispensing location located proximate the point of purchase location, said dispensing location comprising a surface configured for carrying the point of purchase product;

the customer selection input device adapted to input a customer selection of a purchasable item and point of purchase product and located proximate the point of purchase location for the purchasable item;

a retail item processor in electrical communication with the input device and the receptacle that ejects the point of purchase product upon the customer selection; and

a dispensing device configured to deliver the point of purchase product ejected from the receptacle to the dispensing location proximate the point of purchase location for the purchasable item.

Claim 80 (previously presented) A point of purchase device that is coupled to a device that inputs purchasable items and accumulates a cost for the purchasable items comprising:

a dispenser that stores and dispenses a product, wherein a cost for the product is automatically added to the cost of the purchasable items, the dispenser, and thereby product, located at least in juxtaposition to the item input device; and

a communication device that allows information relating to the product to be communicated to a remote location.

Claim 81 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the dispenser dispenses products produced by a plurality of product suppliers and the communication device allows for communication with the suppliers at a plurality of remote locations.

Claim 82 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the communication device communicates over a wide area network with the remote location.

Claim 83 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the communication device communicates with the remote location by a mode selected from the group consisting of: the Internet, a phone line, a satellite, microwaves and radio frequency.

Claim 84 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein a party receives inventory information from the communication device.

Claims 85-89 (cancelled)

Claim 90 (previously presented) A point of purchase device that is coupled to a device that inputs purchasable items and accumulates a cost for the purchasable items comprising:

a dispenser that dispenses a product, wherein a cost for the product is automatically added to the cost of the purchasable items, the dispenser, with product, located at a point of purchase with the item input device; and

a communication device that communicates accumulated inventory information relating to the product to a remote location.

Claim 91 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 90, wherein the communication device automatically communicates with a party selected from the group consisting of: a supplier of the product and a distributor of the product.

Claim 92 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 90, wherein the communication device automatically communicates inventory information selected from the group consisting of: inventory for the product reaching a predefined level, flow rates of the product and optimization data for the product.

Claim 93 (original) The point of purchase device of Claim 90, which includes an advertisement for the product which is automatically displayed based on an inventory level of the product.

Claims 94-105 (cancelled)

Claim 106 (previously presented) The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the dispenser is integral with the credit/debit card verification device.

Claim 107 (previously presented) The system of Claim 69, wherein the storing and dispensing device is housed with the cost identifying device.

Claim 108 (previously presented) The retail item dispensing device of Claim 79, wherein the receptacle located is integral with the customer selection input device.

Claim 109 (previously presented) The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the dispenser is positioned integral with the item input device.

Claim 110 (previously presented) The point of purchase device of Claim 90, wherein the dispenser is placed in a same housing with the item input device.